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Attention: Box PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for:

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**Title** METHOD FOR PRODUCING BRANCHED FATTY ACIDS USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS

**This is a Continuation of Application No. PCT/FR98/02116, filed October 2, 1998.**

The application includes:

Specification (30 pages), including claims (1-29) and an Abstract (1 page)  
 Formal drawings (9 sheets, Figures 1-9)  
 Text of International Application, in French  
 Translation Certification  
 Cover page of PCT International Publication WO 99/18217  
 International Search Report  
 Preliminary Amendment  
 The rights of priority are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on French Patent Application No. 97 / 12368 filed on October 3, 1997

Basic Filing Fee (large entity = \$760/small entity = \$345)	\$ 760
Total number of claims in excess of 20 (9 x \$18/9)	\$ 162
Number of independent claims in excess of 3 (1 x \$78/39)	\$ 78
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	<b>\$ 1000</b>

The fee will be submitted later.

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In view of the above, it is requested that this application be accorded a filing date.

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